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PROKHOR'S FINAL MESSAGE WITH DISPOSAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECRET DOCUMENTS ETC
(1945)

From: BOGOTA

To: MOSCOW

No.: 388[i]

28 December 1945

To VIKTOR[i].

Tomorrow I am leaving BOGOTA by air. I shall be in MEXICO on 31 December. I shall destroy the cipher documents after enciphering this telegram and certify that I have done so. The certificate will be enclosed in a sealed Category [LITER] "V"[iii] packet in which

[12 groups unrecovered]

American dollars, various secret documents and receipts. In the last post [2 groups unrecovered] acceptance from me for despatch to NEW YORK of the Category "V" packet and two Category "W"[iii] items. The head of the Secret Cipher Department [SShO] has been instructed as follows: incoming diplomatic mail addressed to me must be returned to MOSCOW by the same couriers, unopened.

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Footnotes: [i] This is the final RUDAI message from BOGOTA.

[ii] VIKTOR:

Lt General Pavel Mikhajlovich FITIN.

[iii] Category "Y", "N":

Designators for classes of diplomatic mail. Cf instructions in MOSCOW circular message of 8-13 June 1945 (3/NBF/T28), in which "category 'Q'" and "Y" bags" are mentioned.

[iv] PROVIDOR:

Aleksej Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, 2nd Secretary, Soviet Legation, BOGOTA, from early 1944 to 28 December 1945. Entered the USA from MEXICO on 30 January 1946, left for the USSR on 11 March 1946.

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